

38. THE FIRST NOWELL

English traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

VOICES *mf* *FULL*
1. The first No-

ORGAN *mf*
Man. Ped.

-well the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in
fields as they lay; In fields where they lay, keep - ing their sheep, On a
cold win - ter's night that was so deep: *f* *REFRAIN* No - well, No -
- well, No - well, No - well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

SOPRANO
ALTO

(ORGAN)

2. They look - ed up — and saw — a star, Shining
This star — drew nigh — to the north-west; O'er —

TENOR
BASS

in — the east, — be - yond them far; — And to — the earth it
Beth - le - hem — it took — its rest, — And there — it did — both

gave — great light, — And so it con - tin-ued both day — and night:
stop — and stay — Right ov - er the — place — where Je - sus lay:

REFRAIN (voices in unison)

No - well, — No - well, No - well, No - well,

ORGAN

Born is the King — of Is - ra - el!

Note: vv. 2 & 4 may be sung by unaccompanied voices.

SOPRANO
ALTO

(ORGAN) *mp* 3 And by the light of that same star. Three
Then en - ter'd in those wise men three. Full

MELODY (*mf*)

TENOR
BASS

wise men came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was
re - v'rent - ly up - on their knee, And off - er'd there in

their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went:
his pre - sence. Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense:

REFRAIN

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

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Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Note: vv. 3 & 5 may be sung unaccompanied, or with organ, or by unison voices (tenor part) with descant (soprano part), and organ.

VOICES *f* FULL

6. Then let— us— all with— one— ac— cord Sing prai— ses

ORGAN *f*

to— our heav'n— ly Lord, That hath— made heav'n and— earth— of

REFRAIN
DESCANT (Sops.)

naught, And with— his blood— man— kind— hath bought: *ff* No— well,— No—

- well, No— well, No— well, — Born is the King— of Is— ra— el!